

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THEIR CELEBRATION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Community Christian Church on their 100th anniversary. The church, located in Fort Worth, Texas, will be hosting centennial services on October 11, 2009.

Community Christian Church was founded in 1909 by the Reverend William M. Alphin, who held services before a 40-person congregation on the rented second floor of the local Masonic Hall. The Christian Church denomination today maintains a membership of nearly 700,000 across North America.

Through a commitment to service and fellowship, Community Christian Church continues to enrich the community of Fort Worth as well as the surrounding areas. The church has expanded and grown over time, acquiring their proud home on East Vickery St. in 1971. Under the leadership of current Pastor Rueben Thompson, the church remains committed to serving as a "bridge" between Christians of a diverse denominational background.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Community Christian Church. They have demonstrated a level of commitment to community that is well appreciated, and it serves as an example for us all. It is a privilege to represent the congregation of Community Christian Church in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact they will continue to have on our communities at home and abroad.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL LAKIN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a true hero, Michael Lakin. Michael, a former student at Cascade Christian high school in Puyallup, Washington, and an Eagle Scout, saved his classmate Allen, a quadriplegic, from choking to death last November.

Madam Speaker, because of Allen's condition he was unable to draw attention to himself when he was choking while eating lunch with his mother, Cathy, and his friends at Cascade Christian. Thankfully, Michael noticed something wasn't right and sprang into action. He picked Allen out of his wheelchair and performed the Heimlich maneuver on him successfully, no doubt saving a precious young life.

Michael graduated from Cascade Christian this past summer and is now attending class-

es at a local community college. I thank him for his courageous actions, I thank him for his service and determination as an Eagle Scout and I wish him the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 735, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF CAROL WALTON, PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carol Walton, the outgoing President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

Before her role as President of LADVFA, President Walton previously served as the President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company and the New Castle County Firefighters Association.

The LADVFA has grown significantly since its inception in 1937. Today, as a result of the leadership and hard work of President Walton and others before her, there are 56 auxiliaries in the State Association—19 from New Castle County, 17 from Kent County, and 20 from Sussex County. Nevertheless, the State Auxiliaries have contributed to the community with the same dedication since the very beginning. The LADVFA provides resources and assistance to burn centers, so-called "burned out families," and scholarship funds for firefighters. They also assist each of their communities with many other worthy causes.

When called to action during alarms, LADVFA assist the firemen by serving meals or snacks while the companies are fighting fires or assisting with another emergency. The service they provide both the fireman and the community are invaluable.

The LADVFA serve such an important function in our community, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. President Walton has been exactly that over the past year and the State of Delaware and our nation are greatly indebted to her for all of her past and future hard work.

A TRIBUTE TO CARMICHAEL, CALIFORNIA ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carmichael, California, in honor of its 100th anniversary on September 26, 2009.

In 1909, Daniel Webster Carmichael bought 6½ square miles of land in a part of unpopulated Sacramento County—land that would grow to over 10 square miles and be known as Carmichael. It is said that he initially bought this remote mass of territory for \$30 per acre, with the intent to populate the area by selling 10-acre lots to American families moving west. Drawn by the lure of building citrus orchard fortunes, these divisions quickly sold. Three hundred families lived in Carmichael by 1927, and the population hit 2,000 by the time of the Great Depression.

In the ensuing decades, wheat, barley, alfalfa, peaches, and almonds were being grown interspersed with horse and poultry farms. Farmers have found success in good times and have battled through the tough ones, and have increasingly been sharing the community with an expanding suburban area. Once a collection of open properties, Carmichael now quarters businesses and families in addition to the traditional farm and occasional horse property.

Carmichael continues to be attractive to people from all walks of life because of its peaceful, family oriented community lifestyle—setting Carmichael in stark contrast to the more populous areas of Sacramento County. Although very close to a major metropolitan area, Carmichael boasts roaming wildlife such as deer, coyote, and wild turkey. The American River flowing through Carmichael accentuates the serenity and beauty of the region. Although many of the original 10-acre lots have been subdivided over the years, some still remain as a reminder of its rural and agricultural past.

Over the past 100 years, Carmichael has also been home to other advancements. Governor Ronald Reagan built a State mansion on California Avenue. Mark Spitz and Debbie Meyer based their successful Olympic training in the local country club. Also, Carmichael is proud to have the world's largest geranium club, and the "Fourth of July Elks Parade" is the longest enduring Independence Day procession in Northern California.

Let me also say that one of the most admirable traits I find in Carmichael is the humble yet rich tradition and history it embraces.

Now, as Carmichael has grown to a population of 72,000, Carmichael continues its legacy as a home to traditional American life.

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